

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MARICOPA

19-8-19
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****FINAL****

RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE

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DEFENDANT'S NAME PAUL D PETERSON

DOB 1975-08-16 BOOKING NO. T589171

ALIAS(ES)

CASE NO. CR2019006302001

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Charges

1 Cts. 13-1003 CONSPIRACY F2
1 Cts. 13-2310 FRAUDULENT SCHEMES/ARTIFICES F2
1 Cts. 13-1802 THEFT F2
28 Cts. 13-2311 FRAUD SCHEME/PRACTICE-CONCEAL F5
1 Cts. 13-2002 FORGERY F4

Pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1750 ten-print fingerprints were taken of the arrested person? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, PCN =

Pursuant to A.R.S. §13-610 one or more of the above charges requires the arresting agency to secure a DNA sample from the arrested person? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, does the defendant have a valid DNA sample on file with AZDPS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, Arresting Agency has taken required sample? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Offense Location: ARIZONA
Offense Date: 2019-02-13
Arrest Location: INTERSTATE 8 M.P. 125
Date: 2019-10-08 Time: 16:08

B. PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

1. Please summarize and include the facts which establish probable cause for the arrest:
See Addendum (Page 3)

C. OTHER INFORMATION (Check if applicable)

1. ☐ Defendant is presently on probation, parole or any other form of release involving other charges or convictions:
Explain:

2. List any prior:
Arrests?

Convictions?

F.T.A.'s?

3. Is there any indication the defendant is:

☐ An Alcoholic? ☐ An Addict?
☐ Mentally disturbed? ☐ Physically ill?

4. ☒ Defendant is currently employed

With whom MARICOPA COUNTY

How long: 14 years

5. Where does the defendant currently reside? [REDACTED]

With whom WIFE

How long: 6 years months days

6. What facts indicate the defendant will flee if released?
Explain:

7. What facts does the state have to oppose an unsecured release? Explain: PLEASE SEE PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

D. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENSE(Check if applicable)

1. ☐ Firearm or other weapon was used
Type:

☐ Someone was injured by the defendant

☐ Medical attention was necessary

Nature of injuries: N/A

2. ☐ Someone was threatened by the defendant
Nature and extent of threats:

3. Did the offense involve a child victim? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, was DCS notified? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. If property offense, value of property taken or damaged:

☐ Property was recovered

5. Name(s) of co-defendant(s):

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E. CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

1. Relationship of defendant to victim:

☐ Victim(s) and defendant reside together

2. How was the situation brought to the attention of the police?

☐ Victim ☐ Third Party ☐ Officer observed

3. ☐ There are previous incidents involving these same parties
Explain:

4. Is defendant currently the subject of:

☐ An order of protection ☐ Any other court order

☐ Injunction against harassment

Explain:

F. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES (Check if applicable)

Defendant's actions

☐ Threats of homicide/suicide/bodily harm

☐ Control/ownership/jealousy issues ☐ Crime occurs in public

☐ Prior history of DV ☐ Kidnapping

☐ Frequency/intensity of DV increasing ☐ Depression

☐ Access to or use of weapons ☐ Stalking behavior

☐ Violence against children/animals

☐ Multiple violations of court orders

G. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST (Check if applicable)

1. Did the defendant attempt to:

☐ Avoid arrest ☐ Resist arrest ☐ Self Surrender

Explain:

N/A

2. ☐ Defendant was armed when arrested

Type:

3. ☐ Evidence of the offense was found in the defendant's possession

Explain:

4. Was the defendant under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the offense?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unk

H. DRUG OFFENSES

1. If the defendant is considered to be a drug dealer, please state the supporting facts:

2. What quantities and types of illegal drugs are directly involved in the offense?

☐ Drug field test completed

☐ Defendant admission of drug type

Approximate monetary value: \$

3. Was any money seized?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount: \$

I. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Military Service:

Has the defendant served in the military services of the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, currently on active duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Branches Served In:

(AF - Air Force AR - Army CG - Coast Guard MC - Marine Corp
MM - Merchant Marines NG - National Guard NV - Navy
RS - Reserves)

2. Is the defendant homeless?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

3. Do you need the court to provide an interpreter to help communicate and to understand what is being said?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what language:

If a fugitive arrest, a Form IVA must also be completed

I certify that the information presented is true to the best of my knowledge.

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ARRESTING OFFICER/SERIAL NUMBER

AZ0079900/

ARREST AGENCY/DUTY PHONE NUMBER

2019-10-08

DATE

AZ1900130846/AZ0079900

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ADDENDUM**B1. Probable Cause Statement**

IN DECEMBER OF 2018, AZ DPS DETECTIVES RECEIVED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVOLVING AN ARIZONA ADOPTION ATTORNEY CONDUCTING ADOPTIONS WITH BABIES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (RMI). THE ATTORNEY WAS IDENTIFIED AS PAUL D. PETERSEN. THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION (SOI) INDICATED HE CONTACTED PETERSEN AND INQUIRED ABOUT ADOPTING AFTER BEING REFERRED BY A THIRD PARTY. THE SOI TOLD DETECTIVES HE BELIEVED THE PRACTICES OUTLINED BY PETERSEN DURING THEIR CORRESPONDENCE WERE SUSPICIOUS. DURING THEIR INVESTIGATION AZ DPS DETECTIVES LEARNED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. PAUL D. PETERSEN: PETERSEN HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ADOPTIONS WITH MARSHALLESE BABIES SINCE AT LEAST 2005. THE UNITED STATES AND THE RMI HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT KNOWN AS THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. THIS COMPACT ESTABLISHES AND GOVERNS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RMI AND THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO THE COMPACT RMI CITIZENS ARE ABLE TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT A VISA. HOWEVER, IF A PERSON IS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ADOPTION TRANSACTION, THEY ARE INELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION UNDER THIS COMPACT. BASED ON THE COMPACT, ADOPTION OF MARSHALLESE BABIES BORN TO MARSHALLESE MOTHERS MUST GO THROUGH THE CENTRAL ADOPTION AUTHORITY WHICH IS AN ENTITY OF THE RMI. BETWEEN NOVEMBER 30, 2015, AND MAY 30, 2019, INVESTIGATORS HAVE IDENTIFIED 28 WOMEN (29 BIRTHS AS ONE GAVE BIRTH TWICE) FROM THE RMI WHO HAVE GIVEN BIRTH IN THE PHOENIX AREA AND SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN THE CHILD UP FOR ADOPTION THROUGH PETERSEN. THE PATTERN FOR EACH OF THESE BIRTHS IS AS FOLLOWS: PETERSEN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE RMI AND THE US WHO ARE ON HIS PAYROLL, FINDS AND MATCHES BIRTH MOTHERS WITH ADOPTIVE FAMILIES. HE CHARGES THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY APPROXIMATELY \$35,000 PER ADOPTION. PETERSEN INDICATED THE FEE INCLUDED MEDICAL COSTS. HOWEVER, ALL 28 WOMEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS CASE, WHO HAVE GIVEN BIRTH 29 TIMES IN ARIZONA, HAD THE DELIVERY COSTS COVERED BY AHCCCS. PETERSEN SENDS MONEY TO THE RMI FOR THE WOMEN TO PURCHASE PASSPORTS. PETERSEN PAYS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN TO FLY TO PHOENIX AND STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE PREGNANCY. WHILE THE WOMEN ARE PREGNANT, THEY ARE HOUSED IN A HOME OWNED BY PETERSEN. WHEN A WOMAN IS READY TO GIVE BIRTH, SHE IS ASSISTED IN APPLYING FOR AHCCCS BENEFITS, GIVES BIRTH, AND THEN IS FLOWN OR DRIVEN FROM ARIZONA. OFTEN THE WOMEN ARE FLOWN BACK TO THE RMI; OTHER TIMES THEY ARE FLOWN TO OTHER STATES (MOST COMMONLY ARKANSAS). THE FLIGHT PATTERNS ON ALL 28 WOMEN ARE VERY SIMILAR: THEY FLY TO ARIZONA AND GIVE BIRTH (IN SOME INSTANCES THE WOMEN GIVE BIRTH WITHIN DAYS OF ARRIVING; IN OTHERS THEY ARE IN ARIZONA FOR AS LONG AS SIX MONTHS) AND THEN A FLIGHT OUT IS BOOKED SHORTLY AFTER THE DELIVERY OF THE CHILD. IT IS BELIEVED THE WOMEN DO THIS BECAUSE THEY ARE PAID \$1,000 PER MONTH BY PETERSEN WHILE THEY ARE PREGNANT IN THE US. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE TRAVEL, FOOD, CELL PHONES, ETC. PAID FOR. INVESTIGATORS HAVE LEARNED SOME BIRTHMOTHERS HAVE BEEN PROMISED UP TO \$10,000 TO PLACE THEIR UNBORN BABY UP FOR ADOPTION BY PETERSEN AND/OR HIS ASSOCIATES. PETERSEN EMPLOYS MARSHALLESE WOMEN IN ARIZONA, UTAH, AND ARKANSAS WHOSE ROLES INCLUDE (1) TRANSLATION FOR THE BIRTHMOTHERS; (2) CARE FOR THE BIRTHMOTHERS (PURCHASE FOOD, CELL PHONES, ETC.); (3) HELPING BIRTHMOTHERS APPLY FOR MEDICAID (AHCCCS) BENEFITS; (4) TRANSPORTING BIRTHMOTHERS TO AND FROM APPOINTMENTS; AND (5) NOTARIZING LEGAL DOCUMENTS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE ADOPTIONS. IN ARIZONA, LYNWOOD JENNET IS THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR ALL THE BIRTHMOTHERS. SHE ALSO AUTHORS AFFIDAVITS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY STATING THE BIRTHMOTHERS APPLYING FOR AHCCCS LIVE WITH HER. THIS IS DONE TO HELP ESTABLISH THEIR RESIDENCY. AHCCCS INVESTIGATORS HAVE DETERMINED EACH OF THE MOTHERS IN THIS CASE TO BE NON-RESIDENTS OF ARIZONA BASED ON THE FLIGHT PATTERNS AND THE FACT THEY HAD NO INTENT TO REMAIN IN ARIZONA AFTER GIVING BIRTH. INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE ANY OF THE IDENTIFIED BIRTHMOTHERS STILL RESIDING IN ARIZONA. AHCCCS INVESTIGATORS ESTIMATE THE CURRENT LOSS TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR 28 CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BIRTHMOTHERS TO EXCEED \$800,000. LYNWOOD JENNET: LYNWOOD JENNET WORKS FOR PETERSEN. LYNWOOD JENNET ASSISTED THE BIRTHMOTHERS IN APPLYING FOR AHCCCS AT PETERSEN'S DIRECTION. SHE ALSO IS A POINT OF CONTACT FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE RMI WHO FIND BIRTH MOTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COMING TO THE US TO GIVE UP A CHILD FOR ADOPTION. SHE RELAYED THE INFORMATION TO PETERSEN WHO SENT MONEY TO PURCHASE A PASSPORT AND PAID FOR THE FLIGHTS FROM THE

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RMI TO PHOENIX.